

## IDOC Offenders Brighten Up Mother's Day

Indianapolis, IN (May 11, 2009) – Having children who are in prison is not pleasant for any mother, and such a situation becomes even harder to bear on holidays. Nevertheless, for this Mother's Day, offenders in Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) facilities across the state did a little something extra to brighten up the day for countless mothers.

Offenders were able to give their mothers visiting this past weekend a carnation as a small gift for Mother's Day, and they were also able to have their pictures taken as a memory of the day. The flowers were paid for out of offender/recreation funds at each facility. Overwhelmingly, mothers expressed their gratitude and happiness for the nice addition to their normal visit.



IDOC Commissioner Edwin G. Buss commented, "Mothers are so very important, so it was great for offenders to be able to show their appreciation for their mothers in this way."

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